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1. PRESIDENT SIAD TOLD GATHERING OF SOMALI REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICERS AND PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ON MARCH 17 THAT SRC HAD RULED THAT MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN COUNTRY WILL BE SOMALI QTE AND AND ARABIC, THE SECOND LANGUAGE UNQTE. ANY OTHER LANGUAGE, HE SAID, COULD ONLY BE TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL.

2. THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC CONFIRMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED OF EARLY

REPORTS (REFTEL) THAT SIAD AND SRC HAVE ADOPTED ARABIC AS SECOND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. ARABIC SIGNS ARE ALSO NOW MAKING THEIR APPEARANCE ON SHOPS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

3. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED ME THAT SIAD HAS ALSO AGREED TO PUBLICATION OF AN EIGHT PAGE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN ARABIC. SOMALI EDITOR DEPARTED MOGADISCIO FOR CAIRO LAST
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WEEK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TRAINING IN CAIRO. NEW OFFICIAL ARABIC

DAILY WILL REPORTEDLY BEGIN PUBLICATION WITHIN FOUR MONTHS.
ARAB LEAGUE WILL PROVIDE INITIAL FINANCING.
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